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LABOUR PARTY ISSUES ELECTION MANIFESTO

Destiny pinned on second five-year plan FULL EMPLOYMENT

London, January 18.
Britain's Labour Party today pinned its destiny in February 23's general election on a second five-year plan with full employment as its supreme aim.

Beating the Conservatives to the draw with their election manifesto, the party issued its detailed proposals today for the second term of power. The Conservative election blue-print is expected within a week.

Japanese Exchange plans

Tokyo, January 18.
The Japanese Foreign Exchange Control Board today dispatched telegrams to seven British Commonwealth banks, requesting the opening of correspondence accounts with Japanese foreign exchange banks.

The government yesterday got Occupation Headquarters approval for opening of correspondence relations with British banks.

They are Barclays of Canada, Midland, Westminster, Lloyds, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and the Mercantile Bank of India.—United Press.

Fire breaks out aboard Leong Bee

Fire broke out in the black-and-running ship, ss. Leong Bee, yesterday afternoon while the ship was moored in a dangerous goods anchorage.

Ten members of the crew immediately jumped overboard when the fire started in the engine room and began spreading to the Diesel tanks. The cargo on board included diesel oil, kerosene and potassium chloride.

A member of the crew said that the men jumped overboard because they feared an explosion if the fire had reached the inflammable cargo.

Within 10 minutes, two fire-fighting boats and two Marine Department launches were spraying water and chemicals on the ship, and brought the flames under control in half an hour.

The fire was confined to the engine-room and bridge.

Chief officer of the fire brigade, Mr. W. J. Gorman, said last night that the Leong Bee's engine-room machinery, master's cabin and other parts of the superstructure were damaged.

Firemen promptly boarded the flaming ship from the floats—their quick action averting a probable explosion.

Mr. Gorman personally directed the fire-fighting operations.

The Leong Bee, which has made many trips to Communist Government ports, has lately been breaching the Nationalist blockade at Swatow.

She is a British ship owned by a Singapore shipping company.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST), three depressions, one to the N. of Honshu, one off the mouth of the Yangtze and a third over SW. China, form a complex low pressure system which is moving slowly NE and affecting much of China and the adjacent seas. Pressure is high to the S. of Japan.

Today's Forecast—Light winds, variable between SE and SW, coastal fog, otherwise partly cloudy with a few scattered light showers.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 75.5 deg. F. Minimum: 64.4 deg. F. Sunshine: 4.0 hours. Rainfall: 21.7 mm (0.86 in). Total since Jan. 1—49.5 mm (1.95 in). as against an average of 14.6 mm (0.58 in).

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Opening of Assizes:

CALL FOR BARRISTERS
MADE BY CHIEF JUSTICE

The wish that more of the Colony's young men would become barristers of the Court here, was expressed by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court in the year's opening of the Assizes yesterday.

Sir Leslie, addressing guests and members of the Bar and legal profession of the Colony, said there were few ways in which young men could better qualify themselves to take an important part in the future of the Colony.

The Chief Justice, speaking on the Criminal Sessions in the past year, said there have been fewer cases and this, he remarked, may be taken to indicate some falling off in serious crime.

"Robbery in its various forms and the offence of demanding money with menaces continue to be the crimes presenting the most serious problems," he said. "The seriousness yesterday began with a service at St. John's Cathedral, where The Very Reverend A. P. Rose, Dean of Hong Kong, delivered the sermon.

Dean Rose declared that one of Hong Kong's most serious troubles today arose from the failure to regard law as an objective and to assign it to its true source and proper place in the universe. "The procession from the Church Hall into the Cathedral was headed by the Choir. This was followed by Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. C. d'Almeida, C. S., Supreme Court Registrar, Mr. H. J. M. Vant-hall, Head Bailiff, Sir Leslie Gibson, and the Clergy.

After the service, the group proceeded to the Supreme Court. Among those present in Court, apart from the legal profession, were the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, General Sir E. C. Robert, M. S. N. Brown, field, Air Commodore and Mrs. Davies, Dean and Mrs. Rose, Mr. J. B. Griffin, K.C., the Attorney General and Mrs. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Strickland, Lady Gibson, Mrs. E. H. Williams, Mrs. T. J. Gould, and others.

Sir Leslie in his speech said:

CJ's Speech

"Before the pleas are taken at this Session, I wish to make a few remarks on the administration of justice during the year 1949.

"I shall begin by referring to a few of the administrative changes made. "One year saw the appointment of a third Judge of this Court and the construction of the new Court which is now the Chief Justice's Court. The need for a third Judge had been clearly shown in preceding years and has been confirmed during the year 1949.

"The new Court is a small court and against its smallness must be set the advantage that it is an conditioned and members of the profession and the public who have attended that court will no doubt share with the Judges the view that the compromise is a favourable one.

"There is a possibility that the Second Court may also be air-conditioned in the distant future, partly because of the advantages of air-conditioning in itself and partly because it would enable extra office accommodation to be provided at the expense of the size of the Court.

"I have often wondered why other Colonies, particularly those in the tropics, have not realised the obvious advantages of air-conditioning in the courts. As far as I know, the present Chief Justice's Court of Hong Kong is the only Court in the Colonial Empire which is fully air-conditioned.

Tenancy Tribunals

"Another improvement made during the year which at first sight looks unimportant but is in fact of great importance is the use of a wire-recorder to record verbatim the summing-up of Judges at the Sessions and their oral judgments.

"The importance of this innovation is that unless summings-up and oral judgments are recorded verbatim, there may be denial of justice to persons who desire to appeal because they must base their appeal on what the Judge said and, in the case of a summing-up particularly, it may be vital to know the precise words. A shorthand note is an alternative, but it is an expensive and less accurate one, and the number of shorthand writers who can take down reliably a long summing-up or judgment delivered at ordinary speed is very small.

"When I opened the January Sessions last year, I voiced my concern at the heavy arrears of the Tenancy Tribunals. It is imperative, if these Tribunals are to succeed in their purpose, that they should give speedy justice and this they were unable to do when the year ended. Happily, the arrears have been remedied and that notwithstanding a heavy increase in the number of cases filed—599 in 1949 against 380 in 1948. The remedy lay in the appointment of a permanent President—at one time two were necessary and under this system, excellent work has been done and speedy justice is now available.

"The next change is the re-organisation of the Registrar's de-

Taking orders
from Peking.

Eight organisations of the Nationalist Government of China have accepted instructions from Mr. Chou En-lai, Premier and Foreign Minister of the new Communist People's Central Government.

The pro-Communist "Ta Kung Pao" said the organisations are the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications, the Farmers' Bank, the Central Trust, the Chinese Postal Revenues, the Chinese Savings Bank, the two Kwangtung and Kwangsi provincial banks, and the Ministry of Communications Bureau.

Mr. Chou En-lai had instructed them to remain at their posts and to safeguard the property and other assets pending further orders and the official take-over.

Reliable banking sources stated yesterday that certain foreign banks have frozen the accounts of certain Nationalist Government organisations pending clarification of their status as a result of Peking's recognition of the new Chinese regime.

PICKPOCKET
GETS TWO YEARS

A pickpocket at the Races was sentenced to two years' hard labour by Mr. Yin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

The prevalence of the offence, Mr. Yin-shing Lo said, made it necessary for the Court to take the matter seriously. Defendant, Cheung Mun, aged 30, was said to have opened the purse of a lady at the Races and extracted \$30.

The offence was committed on the third day of the Races.

Difficult decision
for Mr. Truman

Washington, January 17. A hydrogen super-bomb may blast open the international deadlock over world atomic controls. Whether it will produce an agreement and thus promote chances of peace remains to be seen.

But some officials and others are hoping that President Truman, before he decides whether to put the United States into the super-bomb business, will make another attempt to end the American-Russian atom bomb race. President Truman is expected to decide in the near future whether to recommend an all-out effort to convert the hydrogen bomb from theoretical possibility to practical fact.

The Atomic Energy Commission and the State and Defense Departments are studying all phases of the issue, including the super-bomb's probable effect on world peace.

President Truman said he wants world peace more than anything else—and an official source expressed it today, in "people want peace more than they want another bomb."

The President's dilemma is complicated by the fact that the theory of the hydrogen bomb is as well known to Soviet scientists as to American. It is reasoned that since Russia possesses atomic fission explosives she also possesses means to make a hydrogen bomb.

That brings officials back to world controls and the stalemate between Russia and the West in the United Nations. If effective controls cannot be achieved, observers here have said, President Truman would seem to have no choice but to recommend that the United States go ahead and add to its arsenal the most powerful weapon yet conceived.

In Chicago today, Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam said Russia and the United States should "talk it over" before committing themselves to a course which might mean the "suicide of civilisation." It was echoing the hope of some officials in the Truman Administration.

The prosecution stated that a police party, on information, went to the hospital and saw defendant sitting on a mat. After a search, a briefcase was found between the mat and the briefcase, the gun and bullets were found.

Mr. Forrest, for the Police, told the court that defendant was asked if he had the key to the briefcase to which defendant said "no." A search of his person revealed a bundle of keys, one of which fitted the briefcase in which the gun was found. Hearing is continuing.

ALLEGED TAX
EVASION

The firm of O. K. Gidumal and Watumul Limited of 67 and 69 Wyndham Street answered seven summonses before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday. Mr. Marcus da Silva, representing the firm, pleaded not guilty to all the charges and the case was adjourned till this morning to fix a date.

The summonses are in connection with alleged evasion of tax.

Fire-prevention
campaign starts

The Hong Kong Fire Brigade Department launched a fire-prevention campaign yesterday. Squatter encampments—most vulnerable spots for disastrous fires—were visited by anti-fire squads.

The first squatter camps visited yesterday were those at North Point. A Medical Department radio van was used in the tour.

Station Officer S. H. Chu, accompanied by a number of assistants, advised the squatters on fire prevention measures over a portable amplifying system. Loud speakers were set up on the roofs of the huts.

He explained fire hazards, the causes of fire, what measures to adopt to minimise an outbreak and what steps to take to safeguard property.

To impress the squatters on the danger of fire, he told them of the disastrous outbreaks at Po Tung Fong, Hollywood Road, South Lane, Castle Peak and the recent Kowloon City fire.

He warned them against placing open chafin near huts and against allowing firewood and rubbish to burn at night, as sparks blown by the wind would shed and dry twigs may set off a big fire.

Cigarette ends

He also warned them against leaving lit cigarettes or candles burning during the night when not needed as the lamps and candles may be overturned by a dog or rat. Discarding of lit cigarette ends and allowing children to play with matches are also fire hazards.

Other hazards, he said, are the burning of joss sticks, fire crackers, celluloid toys near open fires, storage of inflammable goods, kerosene, petrol, fire crackers, methylated spirit, paint and chemicals.

The campaign will continue during the week when other squatter areas will be visited.

SI Bodie
leaving
HK soon

Sub-Inspector Kenneth Farmer Bodie, popular member of Hong Kong's Police Force, is leaving for the United Kingdom on Saturday by the ss. Carthage on seven months leave with his family in Dundee.

Inspector Bodie's wife and three-year-old son preceded him to Scotland last June.

Inspector Bodie, one of the prosecuting officers at the Kowloon Magistrate, joined the Hong Kong Police Force in 1938.

Stationed at Lo Wu at the outbreak of the Pacific War, Mr. Bodie withdrew his men and joined in the fighting at Wanchai. He was later interned at Stanley where he helped to organise entertainment activities for the internees.

One of the most notable cases in which he took charge of investigation was the Yu Lok Loo shooting affair in February, 1948. During the shooting, between a group of bandits and the police, Inspector Jack Dempsey and Detective Sergeant Wong Fook were wounded, while a bandit was killed. Another bandit, who was shot, later got seven years.

Another case in which Mr. Bodie took part was when he assisted Mr. A. A. Shaw, Assistant Superintendent of Police, now attached to the Anti-Corruption Branch, in the investigation of the Wing Joon Godown fire during which 170 people lost their lives.

Banishees get
hard labour

At the year's first Sessions yesterday morning, Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Puisne Judge, sentenced four life banishees to hard labour.

Pleading guilty to breach of a deportation order, Tam Wal-ho, alias Lam Chuen, who was found here on December 6 last after having been returned, explained that he had returned to be a bootblack in Hong Kong. He could not find a living in Canton. Tam, who had had previous convictions here, was given 18 months.

Chan Ming, alias Cheung Kan-to, another accused, was given three years. Yuen Fat, alias Yuen Yui-lan, charged with a similar offence, was given a similar sentence.

A fourth man, Cheung Hing, alias Ng Ko, who is at present serving a two-year term, was given a consecutive 18-month sentence.

All the prisoners had a record of previous convictions. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, prosecuted.



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Other securities	116,817,041.92
Call loans	69,097,830.05
Other loans and discounts	684,168,938.78
Liabilities of Customers under letters of credit	61,790,695.28
Other assets	21,586,237.81
	\$2,334,985,354.14
Liabilities	
Capital, reserve and undivided profits	\$ 83,792,236.48
Notes in circulation	3,793,729.66
Deposits	2,192,140,878.62
Letters of credit outstanding	61,790,695.28
Other liabilities	3,558,112.20
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KOREAN FINED
AT CENTRAL

A fine of \$50 was imposed at Central yesterday on a Korean charged with breach of the Immigration regulations.

Defendant, Park Sang-hi, alias Fedor Ivanovich Pat, alias Posh Shanshi, could only speak Russian and a Police Inspector interpreted.

It was stated by the prosecution that defendant had not valid permission, being an alien, to enter the Colony. Nor did he give the necessary particulars required by the Immigration Department of aliens entering the Colony. Defendant pleaded guilty, adding that he was not familiar with the regulations of the Colony. This plea was accepted by the prosecuting officer who told the magistrate that the Police were not pressing for an exclusion order and that a fine would suffice.

VEHICULAR
FERRY CHARGED

The Hong Kong-Yaumate Ferry Company were charged before Mr. X. K. Kan in the Justice of the Peace Court yesterday on a charge of carrying dangerous goods from Kowloon to Hong Kong on November 25 last year. The goods were described as several drums of turpentine.

Mr. F. H. Losby is appearing for the defence. Mr. R. H. Brooks of the Fire Department is conducting the prosecution. The case was adjourned until February 10.

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Leighton Hill Road, and should
be returned on or before
January 21st 1950. Students
attending schools in the Colony
should forward their entries
through the Heads of the
schools.

Students wishing to enter for
London University External
Degree Examinations are re-
minded that it is necessary to
register as an external student
of the University a consider-
able time before the actual
date of the Examination. Fur-
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tained from the Education
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T. R. ROWELL,

Director of Education

Hong Kong, January 16, 1950

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August busiest month at Kai Tak last year

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The total amount of in-coming passengers for that year is 158,930 whereas more than 159,000 left the Colony.

A survey of the figures which show the Colony's aircraft traffic during the last year, revealed that August was the year's busiest month with 1,597 in-coming aircraft, and 1,591 out-going aircraft.

During that month 21,790 persons arrived and 19,225 left the Colony.

Due to the defection of the China National Aviation Corporation from the Central Air Transport Corporation to the Chinese Communists, air traffic during November and December saw the greatest decrease since February 1948.

Only 505 aircraft arrived in November. During December 303 aircraft arrived and 378 departed. November's aircraft departure was 300.

A total of 10,889 passengers arrived and left here during last November. Of the total, 5,220 were in-coming passengers.

Last December less than 10,000 persons travelled by air in and out of the Colony. Of these 5,231 were in-coming and 4,292 were out-going passengers.

A total of 100,109 kilos of mail were handled here during the entire 12 months of 1949. Out-going mail for the year weighed more than 174,000 kilos.

Aside from the mail, more than 2,600,000 kilos of cargo were brought here last year, during which the Colony's air export was more than 3,271,000 kilos.

From the first day of 1950 to January 11, the Colony had 250 in-coming and out-going aircraft. This total compared with the semi-monthly aircraft traffic figures of last January is much lower than it was last year.

Last January more than 400 aircraft arrived at the Kai Tak airport while nearly 400 departed during the same month.

During the first 24 days of this year, only 3,477 passengers came and left the Colony by air.

FIRE BREAKS OUT ON RUNWAY

A small fire broke out on a tar runway at Kai Tak airport yesterday at about 10.15 a.m.

The burner, which was placed on runway numbered 07, caught fire when some tar which it contained overflowed the container.

Two fire engines from Kowloon and a Royal Air Force fire engine rushed to the scene and the fire was put out immediately.

A few minutes after the fire engines left, another tar container caught fire. It was put out by workers who were repairing the runway.

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE DAY

The Church Unity Octave celebrations at St. Teresa's Church started yesterday with the "Vern Credo" followed by prayers for the Unity of all Christians, and Peace for the world.

The Rev. Fr. N. Macstrahl, P.M.E. of the Hong Kong Catholic Centre, gave a brief history of the Octave for the re-union of the Churches.

He said that the purpose of the Octave is first to pray that all Christian denominations may be united. The speaker said that the Catholic attitude towards the Protestants must be an attitude of great Christian love and understanding.

Sau Wai-kei, 30-year-old woman, was fined \$850 by Mr. Wickes at Kowloon yesterday for bringing 40 pounds of silver bullion from Canton by train on Tuesday.

Revenue Inspector F. Fowler, who asked for a fine, said that defendant carried the silver bars around her body.

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TWO SAILORS AT CENTRAL

Two sailors were brought before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central yesterday.

The first, Walter Cott, pleaded not guilty to driving vehicle 383 without the owner's permission, driving without valid licence and driving under the influence of drink. His case was remanded for a week.

The second sailor, William Simon, pleaded guilty to a simple charge of disorderly conduct and was fined \$20 or six days. Simon was said to have come out of a vehicle and to have been stopped by a police constable. He was in a drunken state. When he realised it was a police officer, the prosecution said, Simon became sulky and went quietly to the station.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1950

Saturday 14th, Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Saturday 21st January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.03 noon, each day. The time interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Purser Memorial Cup" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 17th January, Race No. 6, at 3.30 p.m.

Through tickets at \$100 each may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2. each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Purser Memorial Cup". The latter may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they did their duty MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10. per day, including tax, for Ladies of Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RAOB COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3. each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAG MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private employers only who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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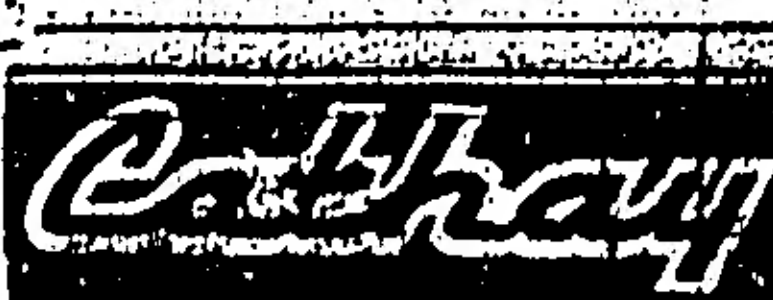
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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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EBCHEW THAT FINESSE

ONE FINESSE that should never be tried in rubber bridge is against the trump King or Queen when a defender has led that suit to eliminate dummy's trumps that are vitally needed for ruffing. If passing up the finesse and taking a trump loser voluntarily will enable you to get just enough ruffs to make your contract, it is insane to seek an extra trick by trying to trap the misleading honour.

S Q O 4
H 9
D 9 O 5
C A D 7 6 4 2
S K 7 5 2
H 7 4 3
D K J 4
C 3
C K Q
S A J 10 9 8
H K Q J
D A 10 8 2
C 5

(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
1 S	Pass	2 C	2 H
3 D	Pass	3 S	Pass
4 S			

South wrecked himself through his one bit of unsoundness in this play. West had opened the heart 7, which the A won, and East, seeing the J fall, realised that South should be able to discard two of dummy's diamonds on the

heart K and Q, then ruff diamonds with dummy's trumps. To prevent that, he returned his spade 3.

Right there is where South beat himself. He played low to let the trick run toward the dummy's Q, hoping East had smartly led from the K. West, of course won, and led a second trump. It's easy to see how that South, though discarding two of dummy's diamonds on hearts, could ruff only one diamond with one trump. That left him two diamond losers in addition to the two tricks already gone, so he was down one.

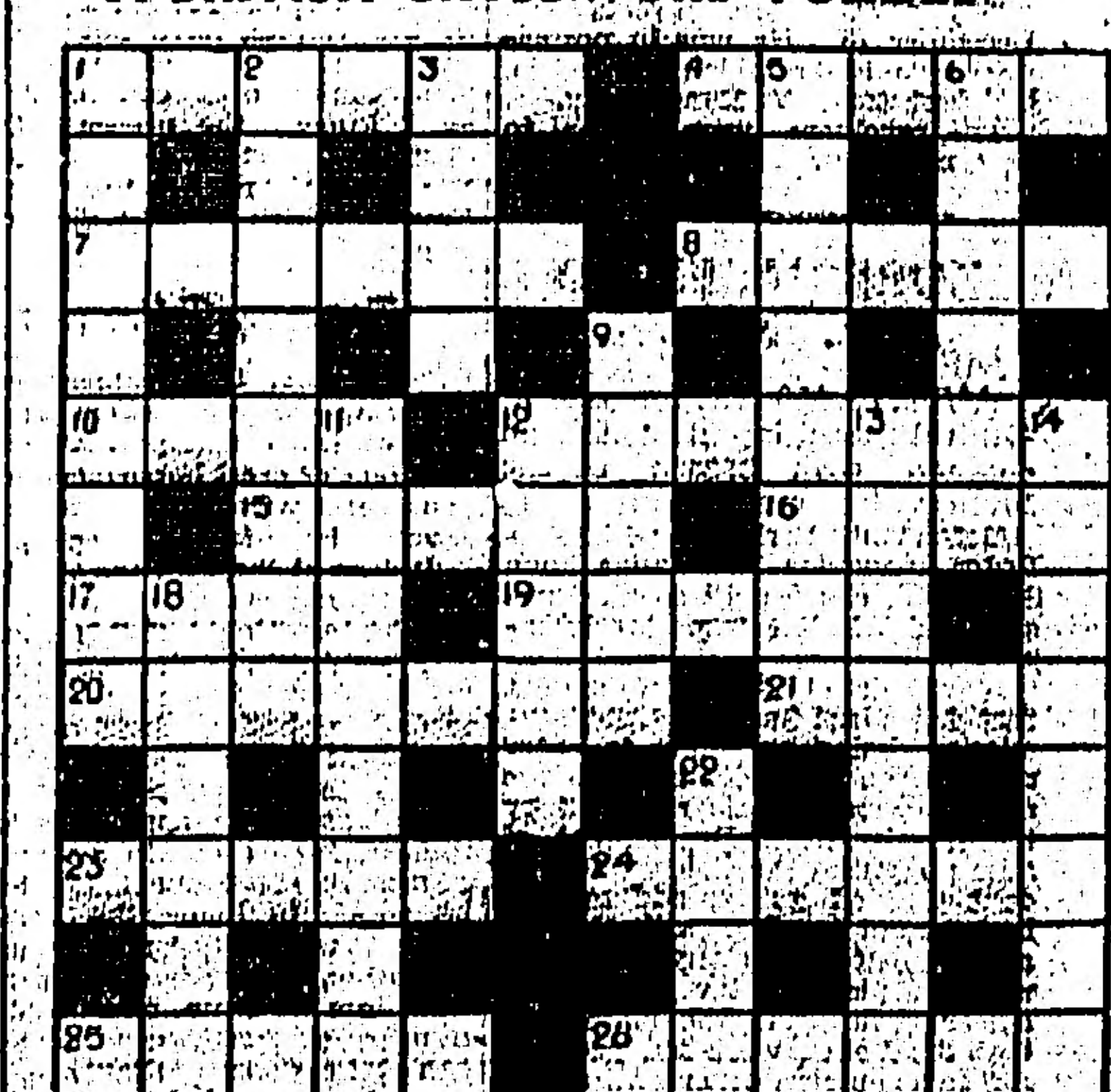
If South had come in with his A on the spade 3, he'd have left in dummy to ruff two diamonds. That would have left him only one losing card in the suit, which he could afford, as his only other losers would have been the first trick in hearts and a later one to the spade K.

In match-play a duplicate tournament, if "knighting" players is willing to risk bottom scores in order to gain for tops, there is some excuse for trying a finesse in such a situation; but not under any other circumstances.

Your Weekend Quiz on

What is the underlying principle that distinguishes most so-called "safety plays" from other plays?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Pastime
4 Trench
7 Unwilling
9 Disturbed
10 Cautious
12 Filthy
15 Veritable
16 Joints
17 Clumsy
19 They may

25 Bitter
26 Lacking
27 Reminded
28 Inlet sharp
29 path
30 Common
31 Confusion
32 Provoked

Down

1 Flag
2 Worker
3 Job
5 Abandon
6 Mad
8 Manner of
10 Expelled
11 Writing
12 Find fault

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1. Protected, 2. Grudge, 3. In flight, 4. Rotten, 5. Bump, 6. Denial, 7. Rater, 8. Out, 9. 22

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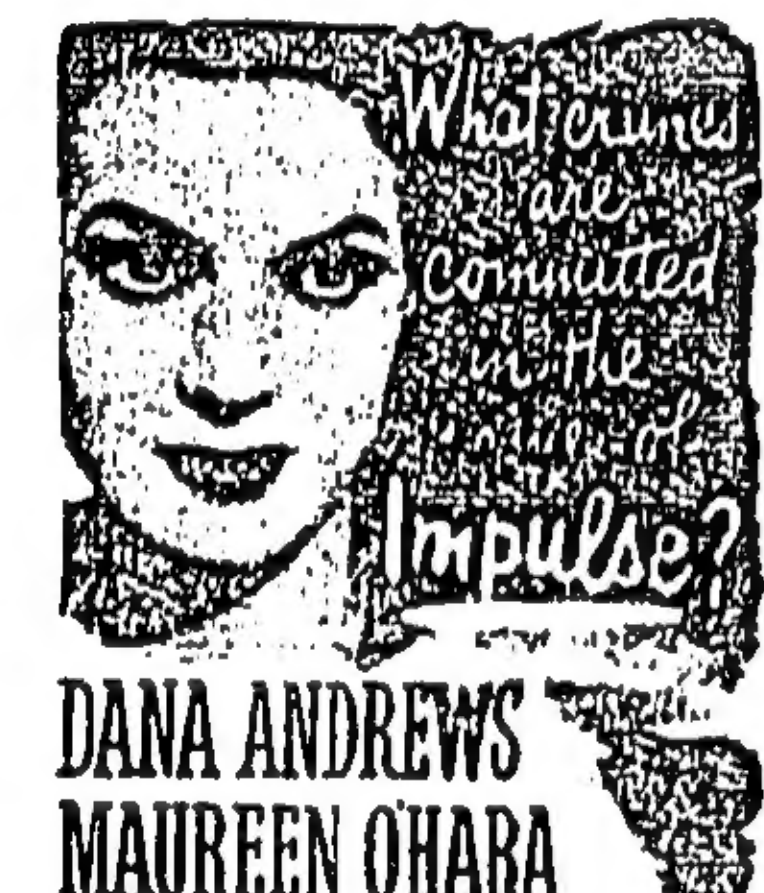
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FINLAND REJECTS RUSSIAN DEMANDS

Helsinki, January 17.

The Finnish Government today formulated its reply to the Soviet Government memorandum demanding the extradition of 300 war criminals in accordance with the peace treaty. Finland's reply is to leave by special courier for Moscow tomorrow and will be handed to the Russian Government by Finland's Minister in Moscow, Mr. Coy Sundstrom, on Saturday.

ARABS TO PROTEST TO U.S.

Washington, January 17. Usually well-informed sources said today that diplomatic representatives of the Arab states have been instructed to protest to the State Department against joint occupation of Jerusalem by Israel and the Hashemite Jordan kingdom.

It is believed that the Arab representatives will object to any softening of the United States attitude toward modification of the United Nations resolution calling for strict internationalization of the Holy City.

The Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, Mohamed Kamel Abdul Rahman, is to see Mr. George McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, today but no statement from the Egyptian Embassy was forthcoming as to the reason for his visit.

It is considered almost certain, however, that the subject of Jerusalem will come up at the conference.

State Department officials await with great interest the unveiling of a second working paper drafted by Roger Goren, President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council at Geneva, on Thursday when the Council takes up the question of Jerusalem.

Mr. Goren's working paper presumably will be a compromise which he hopes both sides to the dispute will accept.

State Department officials did not amplify the statement of the Department's spokesman, Michael McMonruff, that the United States will call "a complete constructive" when the Council begins talks on Jerusalem in Geneva. It is known, however, that the Department will welcome any compromise to which both sides can agree. United Press.

FIVE RULES FOR PARENTS

London, January 18. These rules for parents were given by Dr. Alan Moncrieff, Professor of Child Health, London University.

Do not try to make a perfect child. There is no greater horror than a perfect child.

Do not be possessive. We do not own our children. They are given to us for a while on trust. If anybody's, they are God's.

Do not fuss too much about naughtiness. A certain amount of it is normal.

Never threaten to leave the child or stop loving him—this may warp his whole life.

Keep the child's bedroom door shut. He might overhear something which might deeply harm him.

Professor Moncrieff gave these "do not" rules at a London meeting of the Independent Schools Association. —Reuter.

ROMULO SUFFERS RELAPSE

New York, January 17. The UN Assembly President, Carlos Romulo, today suffered a relapse of last week's illness and will return to Washington to re-enter hospital. His office here said he was forced to cancel all engagements for this week.

He felt so weak upon his return to New York that physicians insisted that he go back to bed and be put on a wheel chair to board a train for Washington hospital. —United Press.

Washington, January 17. The Census Bureau reported today that 3,500,000 Americans over 65—one-third of their age group—have no income at all. —Reuter.

AMAZING NEW U.S. WEAPONS

Washington, January 17. The Senate Armed Services Committee has been informed that the United States possesses spectacular new weapons, including self-aiming anti-aircraft guns capable of creating an almost impenetrable defence against supersonic planes.

The information was in a report sent to his Committee colleagues by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (Republican, Massachusetts) World War II combat officer and now a member of the Army reserve.

Senator Lodge's conclusions were based on his recent tour of duty at Fort Bliss, Texas, an anti-aircraft and guided missile centre. He said guided missile developments would make military operations like the Normandy invasion impossible in future, underscoring the necessity of doing "everything we can" to hold Western Europe, because it might be impossible to wrest it back from an occupying enemy.

He said there is a strong feeling in military circles that Russia is lagging behind the United States in guided missiles, but that there is no precise factual basis for this feeling. He did not maintain that the United States is absolutely secure against air attack, but he said it is difficult to see how one could succeed where the new weapons were available. That applied to supersonic as well as to more conventional planes.

Conference of envoys in Moscow

Moscow, January 17. The three Western Ambassadors, Sir David Kelly (Britain), Mr. Alan Kirk (America) and M. Chateignau (France), conferred for 45 minutes in the Ambassador's study of the British Embassy here late this afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were the British Minister, Mr. John Nicolson, the American Counsellor, Mr. Walworth Barbour, and M. Guy Doré, Counsellor of the French Embassy. —Reuter.

Senator Lodge said the Army's new anti-aircraft weapons could detect planes flying 1,000 miles an hour at 80,000 feet while they were still 173 miles away, giving the defending forces a full 10-minute warning to ready their anti-aircraft guns and get interceptors in the air.

As defence against surprise attack by low-flying bombers, he said, the Army now has its new "sky sweeper" gun which made the skies untenable. Taken together, he concluded, the equipment "enables one to see no enemy plane will ever come out of this network alive."

He also revealed that infantry divisions soon would be equipped with the new twin 44-mm anti-aircraft guns mounted on tank chassis as added protection against enemy planes. —United Press.

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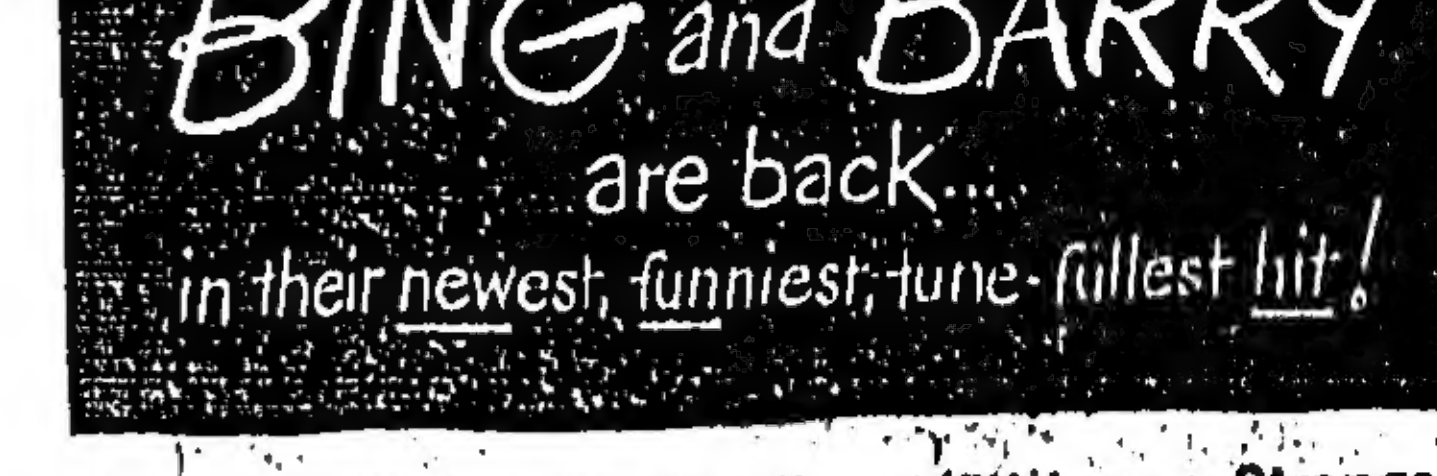
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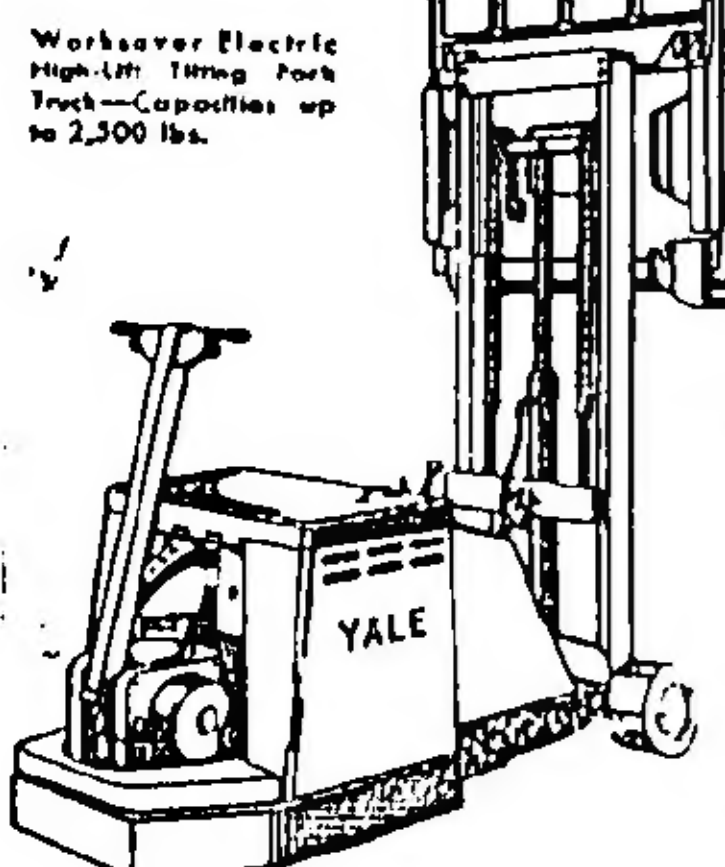
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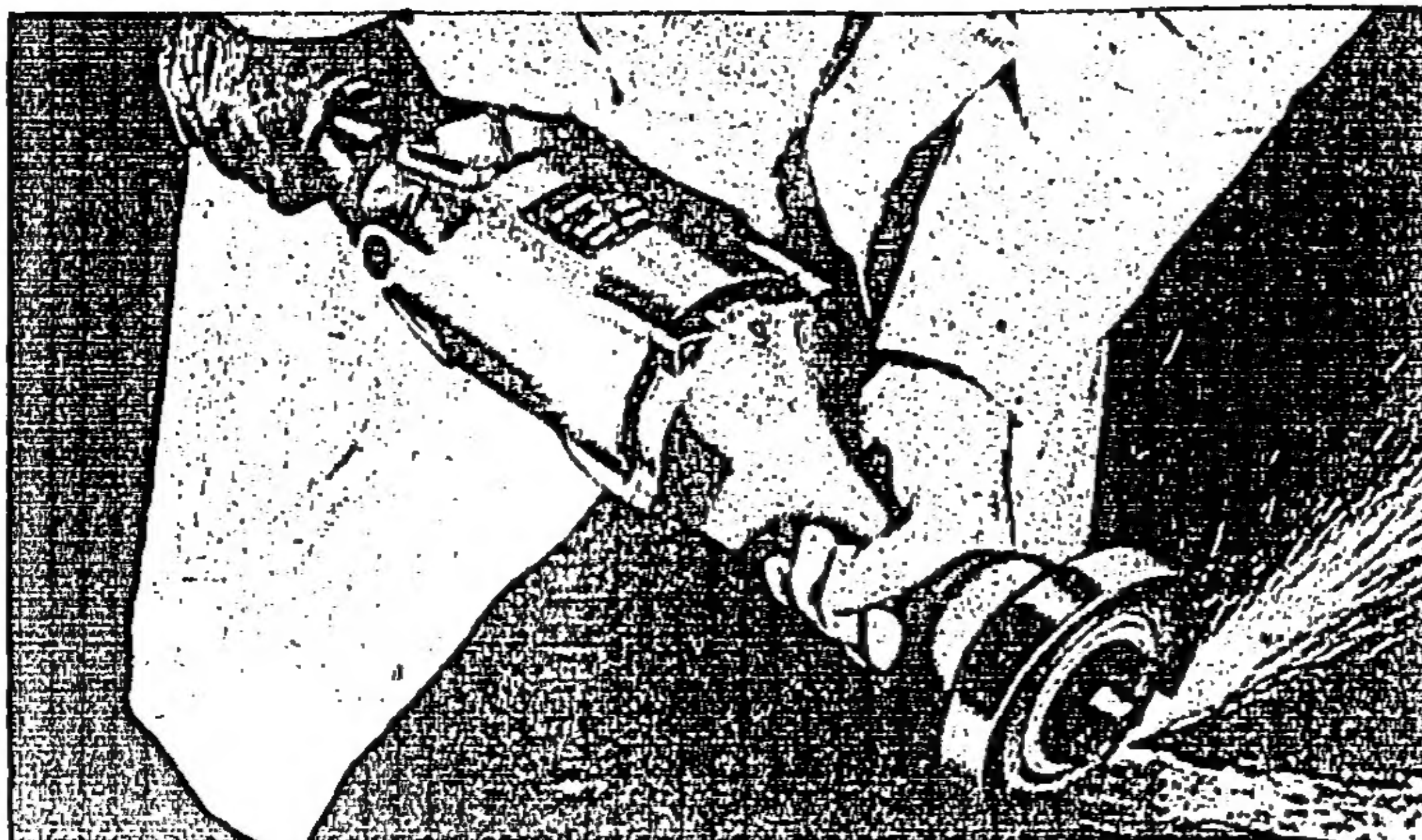
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ENGINEERING PAGE

NEW FOUR-INCH ELECTRIC HAND GRINDER INTRODUCED



WOLF ELECTRIC TOOLS' NEW HAND GRINDER

Wolf Electric Tools Ltd. announce the introduction of a new 4 inch electric hand grinder, which is the result of extensive studies and many years of specialised experience in this class of work.

It weighs only 12 1/2 lbs. and this light weight is scientifically distributed to provide excellent balance, and has ample power to maintain the correct surface speed on all grinding operations.

The attractive streamlined shape gives the operator perfect control, enabling him to manoeuvre the machine round the most complicated and awkward castings. This results in faster working, improved dressing and finish, as well as a considerable reduction in "end of shift" fatigue when used on long production runs.

Self-aligning gearing

The above advantages are generally due to the main gear being pressed on to a resilient rubber mounting, which in turn is fitted to the main spindle. Thus all shock loads from the grinding wheel to the motor, as well as the thrust developed by the helical gears, are absorbed. The gearing, therefore, is self-aligning under all operating conditions.

As in all "Wolf" Machines, the greatest care is exercised in the selection and treatment of the materials used in their production. High tensile aluminium alloy for example, is used for the castings.

The gears are machined from steel blanks with integral spindles. They are high-frequency heat treated by the latest equipment which provides teeth of uniform hardness and temper while retaining resilient cores.

The use of non-hygroscopic windings enable the grinder to be subjected to an insulating flash test of 1,500 volts.

As well as grinding, the GQ4 portable grinder is used for wire brushing, rust and paint removal, dressing steel and all types of metal surfaces. When fitted with a 4 inch diameter Calico Mop, the machine performs a wide range of buffing and polishing operations on all types of products manufactured from sheet metal.

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Metal forming by new process developed in U.S.

The Glenn L. Martin Company has developed a method of metal forming which permits a substantial increase in the rate of production of sheet metal parts and a considerable decrease in labour and tooling costs.

The principal feature responsible for the success of the Martin process is the precision control of the pressure curve for the forming cycle of the part. This enables a part to be formed free of wrinkles and reduces spring-back to a minimum.

In addition to simple draw operations, the process can be utilised to form and trim flanged parts such as aircraft nose ribs. A comparable piece formed in a conventional manner requires about 15 minutes of bench work to hammer wrinkles out of the flange and the production rate is three to four pieces per hour compared to 120 per hour for the Martin process.

Close dimensional tolerances

Parts produced by the new method are held to close dimensional tolerances. Reduced assembly time and smoother aeroflow contour are also achieved by the new method. The process can often be used to shear as well as form in the same operation.

The process permits deep draws in harder metal than is possible with conventional metal-forming techniques: it eliminates finish forming of parts by hand, and several different parts of complicated contours, each having similar pressure curves, can be formed at the same time.

CATAPULT TAKE-OFF FOR PLANES

A method of reducing light aircraft take-off runs by 75 per cent has been demonstrated by Mr. A. B. Bennett on a small, irregularly contoured strip of ground at his home in Katonah, New York. The aircraft was catapulted down the field by two elastic shock cords stretched from the landing gear to two stakes buried in the ground.

The normal take-off run for the Piper Cub used in the demonstration is 250 feet, but the propulsive force gained through the use of the stretched cords enabled the aircraft to leave the ground in only 85 feet at 90 per cent gross weight. In the distance usually required to clear a 50-foot obstacle, the catapult-assisted aircraft attained an altitude of more than 200 feet.

Mr. Bennett does not suggest the technique for inexperienced private pilots, but believes that veteran pilots and the military services can readily adapt the system to their requirements.

To emphasise the simplicity of the rig, hand-made accessories were used. The two cords employed were 100-foot lengths of standard 3/4 inch elastic shock cords composed of 600 natural rubber No. 24 strands with a braided cotton covering. Each has a 100 per cent elongation under a 400 to 500 pound load. These cords are too heavy for light aircraft and could probably be reduced in diameter and weight after development work with the aircraft manufacturers has been pursued.

Length reduced

Loops are tied at both ends of the cord, reducing the effective length to approximately 90 feet. A short length of rope is tied to the cord at the stake end to enable easier attachment to the stake. A small block of wood, roughly 8 inches in length, is placed at the intersection of the landing and shock struts and is held loosely by a short length of light rope, which allows the block to fall free after take-off.

The block dimensions are determined solely by availability, and by strength requirements. Stakes are driven in the ground, in this case about 170 feet from the aircraft, with only a very small protrusion sufficiently large for the loop to be fastened around the stake.

In the demonstrations, the aircraft was checked by two wood blocks with long handles so that the checks could be removed without danger to personnel from the horizontal stabiliser when the machine leaped forward. As an additional precaution, the pilot applied the brakes.

Each cord was stretched individually to the buried stakes by means of a motor car. This procedure could be carried out by ground personnel if a vehicle were not available.

After the cords were in place, the engine was started and with a hand signal from the pilot, both checks were removed. At the same time the pilot applied full throttle for the take-off, and as the aircraft left the ground the cords and blocks fell free.

Important Fairs planned in London

Business men from overseas who will be visiting the United Kingdom for the British Industries Fair (Earls Court and Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 8 to May 19) may wish to note the dates of other important fairs and exhibitions to be staged in London in the spring and summer this year.

The International Stamp Exhibition, for example, will take place—partly during the run of the B.I.F.—at Grosvenor House, May 8 to May 13, and details may be obtained from the Executive Committee of the Exhibition, 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1. Closely following the B.I.F. will be the London Fashion Fortnight (May 30 to June 12) and particulars of the various events will be available on application to London Fashion Fortnight, c/o Information Division, Board of Trade, I. C. House, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Other arrangements include: Exhibition of British Components, Values and Test Gear For The Radio Television And Telecommunications Industry—April 17-19, at Grosvenor House (Great Hall), London, W.1. Apply to Radio and Electronic Component Manufacturers' Federation, 22 Surrey Street, Strand, London, W.C.2.

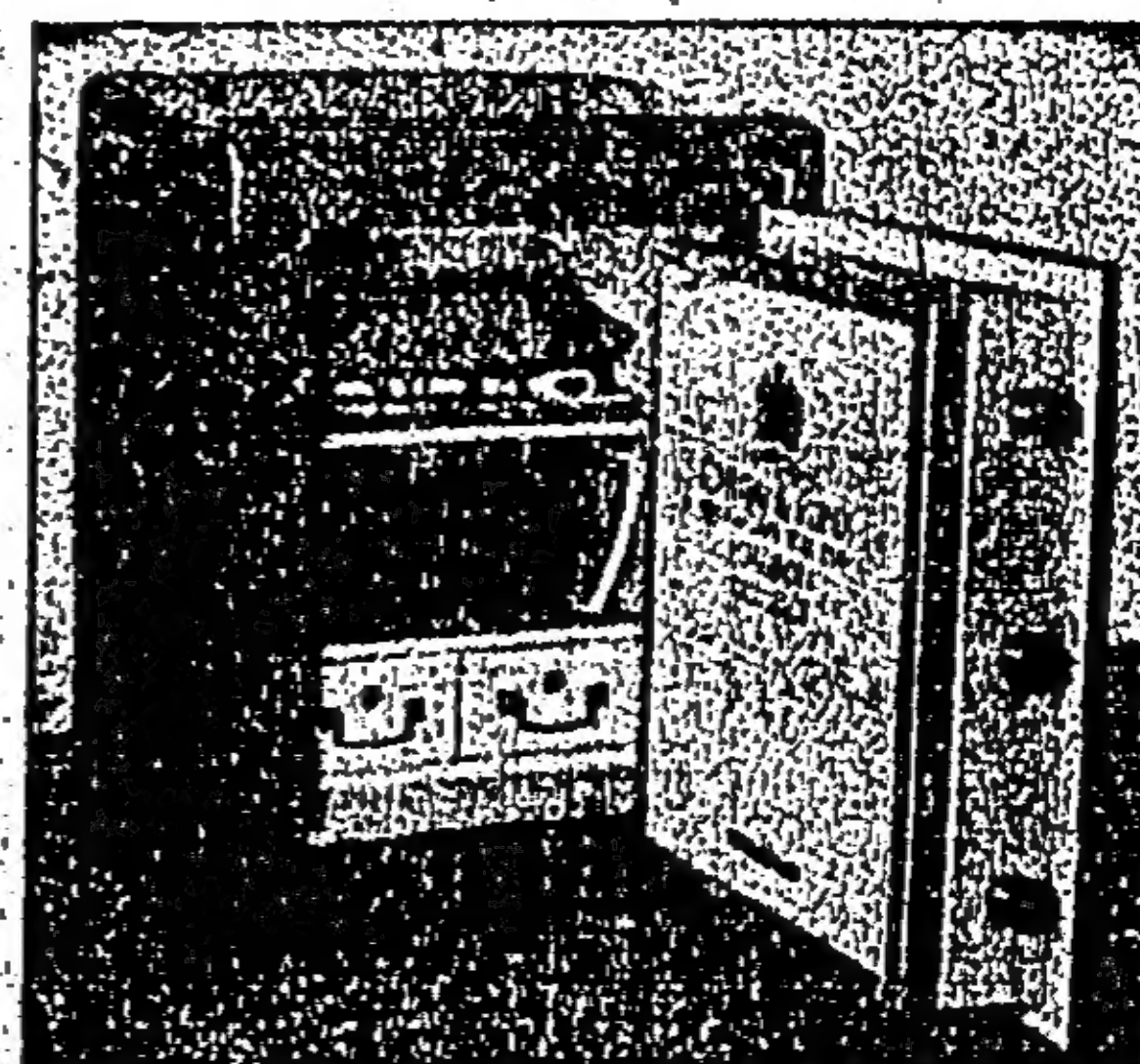
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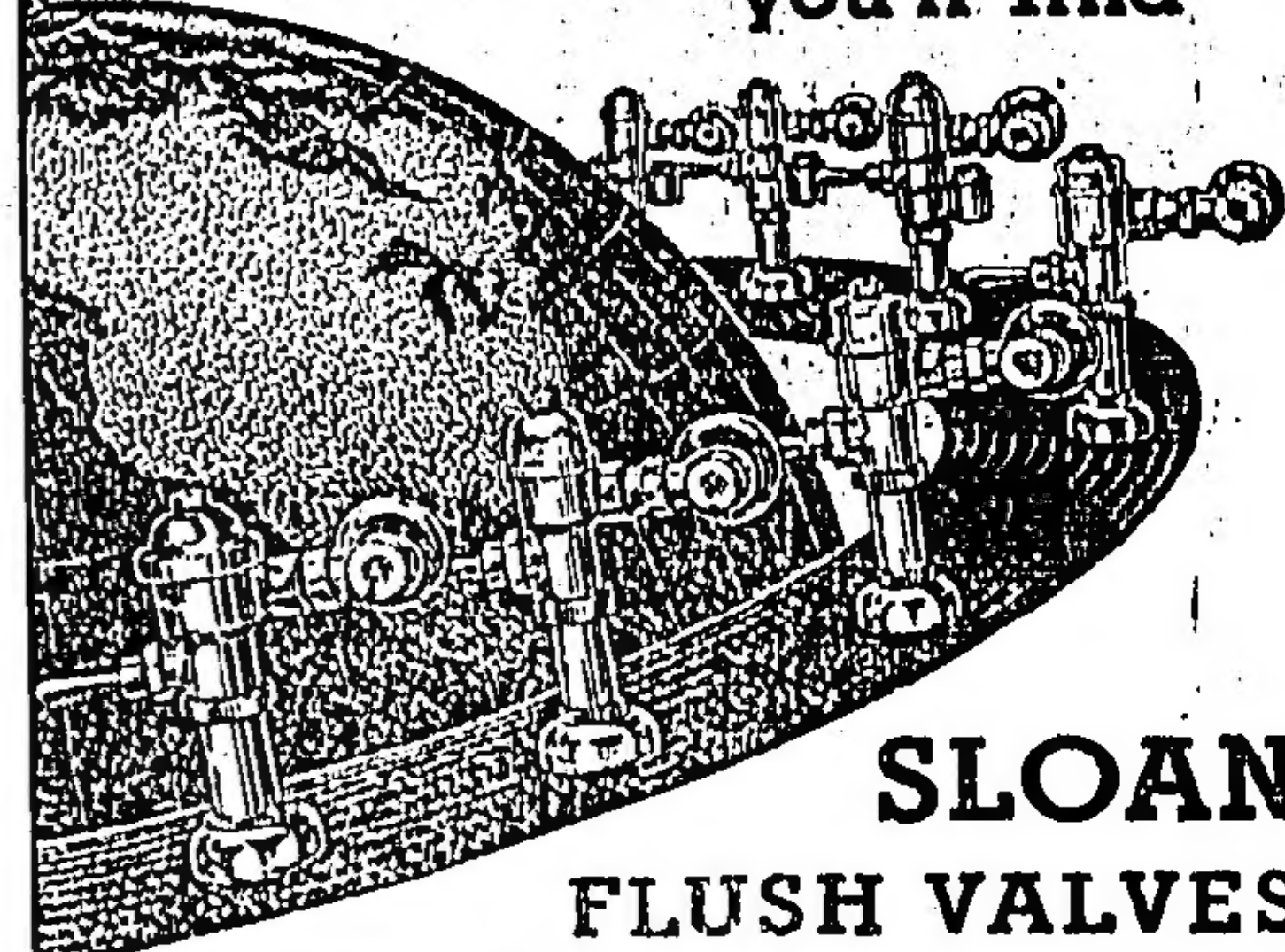
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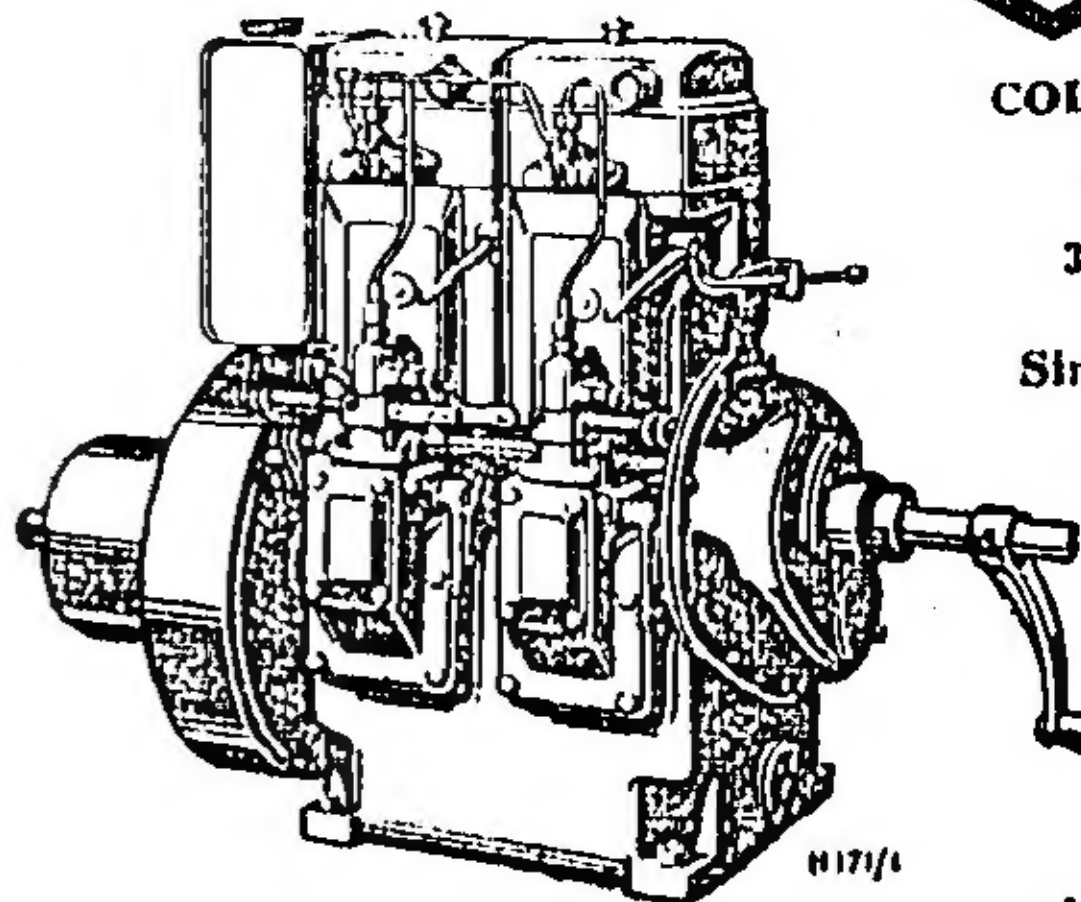


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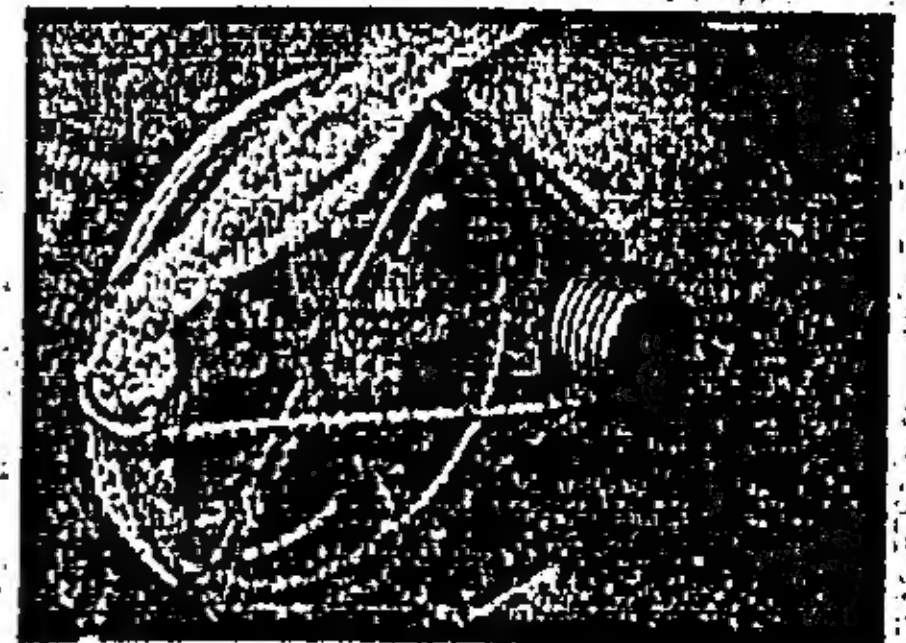
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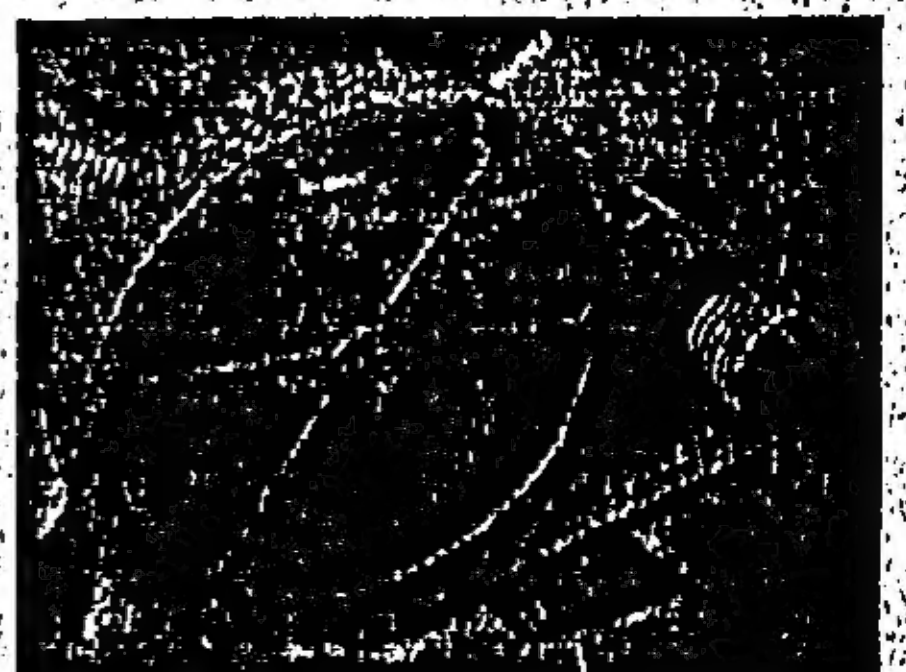
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AIR RACE ACROSS THE WORLD

London, January 17. Some of the world's fastest jet planes and new airlines will race 14,000 miles across the world from Britain to New Zealand in 1953—the longest international air contest ever planned.

The question being asked here now is how near will they come to doing it in one day? Experts are already predicting that they will do the trip in less than 30 hours flying time compared with the present record of just under 80 hours set up by the Royal Air Force Lancaster "Aries" on an England-Wellington flight in 1946.

The race is being organized with the backing of the New Zealand Government to coincide with an international exhibition at Christchurch, New Zealand, between October, 1953, and April, 1954.

Speed and hand-on action are being provided to suit most types of aircraft and entries have already been promised by Britain, the U.S., and Australia.

Other countries have shown immediate interest in the race and Royal Dutch Airlines, which took a prominent part in the Britain-Australia air race of 1954 making the centenary of Melbourne, are expected to compete again in 1953.

Prize money of £30,000 sterling is being offered to the world's largest flying concerns and best pilots to join in the race. In each section of the race, both the open and handicap events £10,000 sterling will be the first prize. There will be second prizes of £1,000 and fourth prizes of £300.

Cups and trophies worth another £10,000 sterling will also be given to the winners.

The route from Britain will be the same for all aircraft in both sections—by way of Bahrain, Calcutta, and Singapore to a point to be decided, on the East coast of Australia. The New Zealand Government has announced that it will develop the Christchurch airport of Harewood, seven miles from the South Island city, to meet international standards. Funds have already been allocated for initial work in that connection.

The race is being promoted by an incorporated body in New Zealand, the Canterbury International Air Race Council with the Royal Aero Club in London—normally official recorder of all such affairs—as assistant organizers and agent.—Reuter.

TALKS ON CENSUS OF ARMS

Lake Success, January 17. The United Nations Security Council, acting despite Russia's absence, today voted to instruct its Conventional Armaments Commission to resume consideration of a world arms census, excluding atomic weapons.

Russia's seat was vacant as the Council met. The Soviet delegate, Jacob Malik, declared last Friday that Russia would take no part in Security Council discussions until the Nationalist Chinese delegation, headed by Dr. T. T. Tsiang, Council President for January, was expelled. However, today, Yugoslavia's Dr. Ales Bebler carried the fight against the Chinese delegation.

Dr. Bebler struggled to get priority for his resolution inviting Cuba to assume the presidency in place of China, but he announced that Yugoslavia would take no part in the vote on the arms census resolution because of the absence of Russia.

Dr. Bebler said Yugoslavia had anticipated opposing resolutions before the Council at this time and planned to abstain from voting. Since Russia, through its walk-out, had not presented a counter-resolution, Dr. Bebler would not vote on this controversial issue.—United Press.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR BUSINESS

New York, January 17. Business prospects for 1950 look good to General Motors executives. In the opinion of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Board Chairman, the buyers' market has not yet arrived for the auto industry, but it may come in the latter half of the year.

C. E. Wilson, General Motors President, expects 1950 to be "a very prosperous year." He added, with certain stipulations, that he sees no reason why "the next 10 years should not be increasingly prosperous."—Associated Press.

Fort Worth, January 17. Senator Tom Connally said today that the United States — if it had seized Taiwan — would have aroused the permanent hatred of both sides in the Chinese civil war.

The Texas Democrat, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, added:

"This nation has always been a friend to China. We have sponsored and helped them in every conceivable way, but when continuing to do so after their descent into a civil war would mean armed intervention, we knew it was time to stop."

"In addition to our wartime help, this nation poured more than two billion dollars worth of cash, food, supplies, arms and ammunition into China after 1945."

"We sent them General Marshall, Stilwell, Wedemeyer and Hark, along with a host of military and civilian aides. But still, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek failed completely to halt the invasions and infiltration of the Chinese Communists from the North."

"Many of those Red units were equipped with the very arms and ammunition we had shipped to Generalissimo Chiang's forces. The Generalissimo lacked the courage to tell himself of the corrupt character of his government, and he lost not only the confidence of his Chinese people but his fight against the Reds, really nothing more than a civil war."

"During the Chinese Communist and U.S. Consul General Connally said, the U.S. had not offered recognition to the People's Republic of China."

Must make amends
"They must make amends for that illegal move, remedy that error and convince our government that they intend to abide by international law before we even discuss diplomatic recognition with them," he continued.

Senator Connally announced today that he is united in support of President Harry Truman's stand against military intervention in Taiwan. Some such intervention ultimately would mean war.

This Democratic stand was endorsed by the Senate majority leader, Scott Lucas, of Illinois, after a fiery caucus on the issue which split the Senate into two warring camps and threatened to end the past bipartisan cooperation on foreign affairs.

"The Democrats think the State Department and the President are definitely right in the actions they have taken," Senator Lucas told reporters.

This Democratic unity was in contrast to previous Party squabbles over some Administration programmes. And it runs directly counter to the Taiwan stand taken by the Senate Republicans last week when they announced general agreement to disagree with the Administration's decision not to furnish arms help to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces defending the island against the Chinese Communists.

Attacks by Republicans

There are 34 Democrats in the Senate as against 42 Republicans. Thus the Democrats, if they should stick together, could block any resolution of other proposition not wanted by the Administration.

The question of Taiwan bids fair to occupy the attention of Congress for some time. Next week the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Louis Johnson, and General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are due to give the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a closed door report on Taiwan's military importance.

Republicans in the Senate today opened attacks on American Far East policy, demanding "no recognition" of the Peking Government.

Senator Homer Ferguson, of Michigan, said, "Recognition of Red China by any country which has been engaged in the fight to contain world Communism is surrender on another front of the cold war."

"If we recognise Red China we completely abandon the hopes of all the people of the world, particularly those in South East Asia who look to us for leadership in any effort to resist the inroads of Communism."

"Wallace plan"
Republican Senator Homer Ferguson said that the United States is following the "Henry Wallace Plan" for China. He urged permanent non-recognition of the Chinese Communist regime.

"Citing Mr. Wallace's visit to China in 1944, Senator Ferguson said he believed a report on that trip could be found in the Army's historical section. He predicted that the report would reveal that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government while urging a 'flexible policy' that would enable the United States to do business with the Chinese Communists."

He added: "The vicious part of the Wallace plan is that it appears to be based on the desire of American officials and others to

Ho Chi-minh appeals for recognition

San Francisco, January 17. The Indo-Chinese rebel leader, Ho Chi-minh, today appealed for world recognition of his government, using the same formula as the Chinese Communists, according to Peking radio which broadcast the text of a note received from Ho, without comment.

He said he is ready to establish relations with any government on the "basis of equality and mutual respect for national sovereignty and territory"—the same phraseology used by the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai.

Ho called himself President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and denounced French "imperialism." He said the Indo-Chinese rebel army is "drawing closer to victory with each passing day" and has won sympathy and support of peoples in the world, where his regime is ready to establish relations.—United Press.

Russian walk-out in Tokyo

Tokyo, January 18. The Russians again walked out of the Allied Control Council today, refusing to discuss the repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war.

They raised no objection to the presence of the Chinese Nationalist representative, General Chu Shih-min.

The Russians walked out because the question of repatriation of Japanese prisoners from Russian territory was placed on the agenda.

A deadlock in the Council appeared inevitable when the British Commonwealth representative, Mr. William Hodgson, shortly afterwards, again placed the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Hodgson declared: "I think the item should be continued until some reply is received from Russia regarding the prisoners."

The surprise of the meeting was when the Russian representative, General Kuzma Dorevnyanko, raised no objection to the continuing presence of the Chinese Nationalist representative.

With no show of anger he led the six-man Russian delegation in the walk-out from the third successive Council meeting.

General Chu, dressed plainly in Nationalist military uniform, uncomfortably through the session.

General Dorevnyanko declared that he was unable to discuss the repatriation issue for the reason stated earlier.

The United States representative, Mr. William Sebald, told the Council that his Government had not received acknowledgment or an answer to a note regarding the prisoners handed to the Russian Ambassador in Washington.

Mr. Sebald sarcastically observed that recent Russian requests to General MacArthur to pick up 2,500 more Japanese prisoners from Siberia contradicted an earlier Russian claim that ice prevented winter repatriation.

"The weather along the Soviet coast must have undergone a vast change," Mr. Sebald read an Australian note recently delivered in Canberra.

All three remaining members of the Council agreed that the repatriation issue should remain on the agenda until some reply was received from Russia.—Reuter.

INDO-JAPANESE BARTER PACT

New Delhi, January 17. The Indian Government released details today on the commodity exchanges between India and Japan under an agreement signed on November 22 to run to June of this year.

Japan's exports to India, to cost US\$21,500,000 at the present devaluation rate, will include raw silk, woolen yarn, industrial and heavy electrical machinery, cast iron pipe and non-ferrous metals.

India's exports to Japan will include raw cotton and wool, jute, manganese ore, magnesite, skins, salt, mica, shellac, tobacco, oil seeds, and tortoise shells. The total value was not indicated.

The agreement was signed with SCAP by India and other Sterling area countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and is colonies but excluding Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

Attempt on life of Philippines Chief of Staff

Manila, January 18. Major-General Mariano Castaneda, Chief of Staff of the Philippine Armed Forces, narrowly escaped death, but his chief aide do camp was killed and an orderly wounded in an ambush at Quizon City, eight miles from Manila, last evening.

The trio were riding horseback not far from Quizon City Hall and were little more than one mile from Army Headquarters at Camp Murphy when they were suddenly fired upon by persons hiding in the bushes near the roadside.

Lieutenant-Colonel Valentin Salgado, senior aide to General Castaneda, and a Bataan veteran, was killed, and Sergeant Eugenio Manadao, General Castaneda's orderly, was wounded in the left leg.

Colonel Salgado was hit under the left armpit, the bullet going out of his right temple. He was believed to have died almost instantly.

Colonel Salgado fell, General Castaneda and his aide galloped under a hall of bullets to Quizon City Hall. Troops and police rushed to the ambush scene but found no one.

The Philippine Army swiftly rounded up 40 civilians and soldiers found in the vicinity of the ambush.

They were immediately subjected to questioning at Camp Murphy, Army Headquarters, a short distance away from the scene of firing. General Castaneda called in the aid of the Manila Police Department to find the culprits.

Huks suspected

Suspicion was thrown on to the Hukbatahs, Communist-led dissident army in the interior of Luzon. Senator Justiniano Montano revealed that General Castaneda informed him that some 100 "sultido men" had been "gunning after him."

It was not the Major-General's first brush with death. In 1946, during a rally held by the late President Manuel Roxas in a Manila square, a would-be assassin threw a hand grenade on to the platform. General Castaneda leaped off the platform, immediately kicked the grenade off, saving the life of Roxas and other top officials.

During the campaign against the Hukbatahs in 1947, when General Castaneda was chief of the Constabulary, a group of Huks deployed in the fields and finally struck an officer who was standing beside the General.

General Castaneda said of the ambush last night, "Considering the intensity of the fire it was a miracle I escaped unharm."

If the bullets were intended for him, it indicated the ambushers had been carefully watching the Army Chief. It was not until he had started the ride that the General's party decided to visit a military hospital about three miles from Headquarters. It was on the way back that the bullets struck, immediately toppling Colonel Salgado from his horse.

Saw men

General Castaneda's horse reared and started to dash away before the General could bring it under control. Sergeant Manadao, after hospital treatment, said he saw the faces of three men firing. He said he could recognise them if he was confronted by them.

Colonel Salgado, aged 40, was Regimental Commanding Officer of the 43 Infantry, United States Armed Forces in the Far East, at the outbreak of the war. He helped defend the Bataan line.

British views on Somaliland

Geneva, January 17.

Mr. John Fletcher Cooke, the British delegate to the six-nation Committee of the Trusteeship Council, which is drafting an agreement with Italy for the administration of Somaliland, today told the Committee that negotiations had already begun in Rome between Italy and Britain for the transfer of authority in the territory.

Mr. Fletcher Cooke stated: "My Government regards it as most important that the Italian Government should take over the administration of the territory as soon as may be practicable."

The Committee today began its second reading of the draft agreement and adopted most of the 24 articles of which it is composed. It is expected that the Committee will complete both the remaining articles of the agreement and the 10-article annex tomorrow.

An additional article proposed by the British delegate concerning the restitution of goods belonging to nationals of United Nations countries and compensation for war damage was set aside for decision by the full Trusteeship Council meeting, which begins here on January 18.

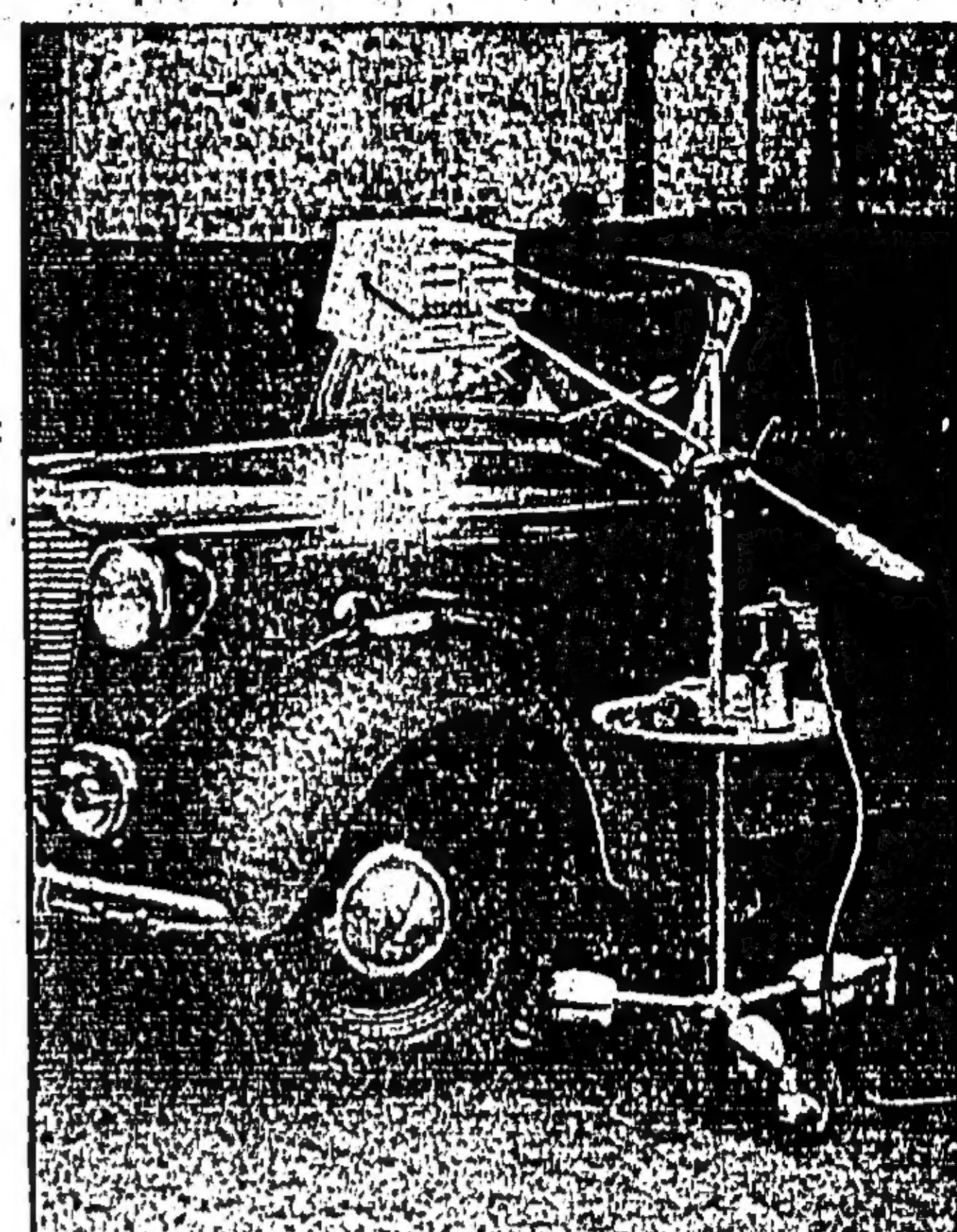
The Italian delegate, Signor Enrico Corioli, declared that Italy reserved her position on this proposed article on the ground that conditions envisaged by it did not exist. He added that the inclusion of such an article was beyond the competence of the Committee.

"On behalf of my Government," he declared, "I cannot accept this article, which sets a bad precedent for such territories as Eritrea and Libya. It means the implementation of clauses of the Italian peace treaty in a territory which will be administered on behalf of the United Nations and not a sovereign territory such as Italy."

"I am not qualified to discuss such a proposal at this time," he declared.—Reuter.

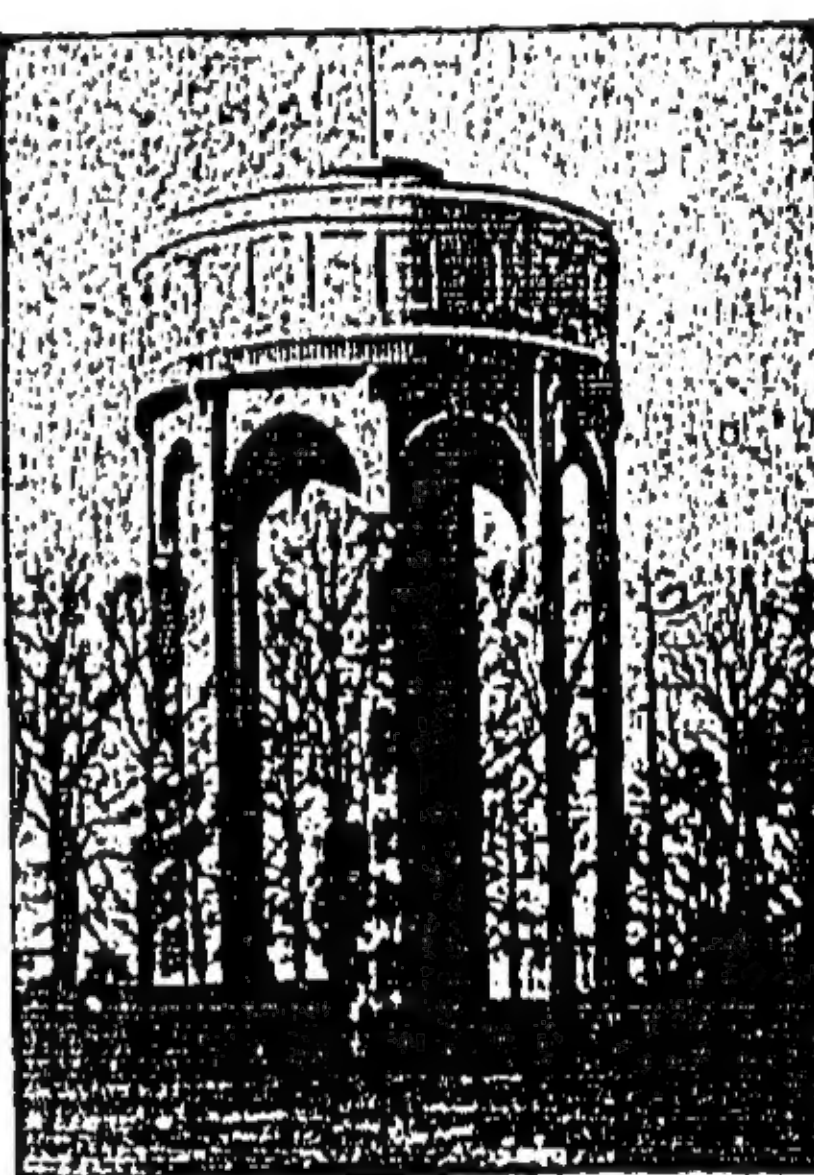
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Reds' treatment of Catholics in China varies

Vatican City, January 17.

The Chinese Communists have imposed only one innovation—compulsory lessons in Marxism—on the Catholic Aurora University in Shanghai, Vatican sources said today. Otherwise the life of the University has been left unaltered, they added. The Communists installed their own teacher to give the lessons, the sources declared.

Treatment of Church property varies in different districts. In large cities, some of the Catholic buildings have been left untouched. In smaller towns and villages Churches and Catholic schools have been turned into Communist headquarters and in some places the church is being used for storage. Taxes on missions are exorbitant and many of them are unable to continue.

Reports reaching the Vatican Mission Headquarters from the other side of the "Bamboo Curtain" indicate that despite the Communist proclamations of their intention to respect religion, the task of foreign missionaries is becoming increasingly difficult.

POOL OF SLAVE LABOUR

Berlin, January 17.

An official American spokesman stated tonight that a slave labour pool of 400,000 German prisoners of war is being secretly retained in Soviet Russia in violation of written international pledges, according to a careful study made by Berlin welfare and refugee authorities.

The spokesman recalled that at the Moscow conference in 1947 the Soviet Government had agreed to release the German prisoners of war by December 31, 1948, as the deadline for the repatriation of all German prisoners of war. The then Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, had declared earlier that the number of German POWs in Russian hands was 802,000.

This figure was considerably below the estimates made by German welfare agencies concerned with the search for missing persons. It is, therefore, interesting to note that since then the Russians have returned 1,131,328 Germans from captivity. Over 200,000 more than Mr. Molotov admitted were held as prisoners.

A careful analysis of interrogation reports and other information available to German welfare and refugee agencies indicates that 400,000 German war prisoners are still in Soviet Russia as a slave labour pool, the spokesman said. It is believed that these men are mostly persons who have been charged with "crimes against humanity" and are to be detained for an indefinite period in Russia, he added.—Reuter.

BUBONIC PLAGUE OUTBREAK

Windhoek, South-West Africa, January 17.

Ten cases of bubonic plague, the dreaded "black death" of the Middle Ages—have been reported from the Gobabis district and one from the Windhoek district near the Gobabis border.

Nine of those affected are Africans and one a European. Farmers are receiving supplies of poisoned grain and DDT to help them to exterminate rats which carry the plague. Gobabis lies 120 miles East of Windhoek.—Reuter.

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More Britons naming sons after Prince

London, January 17.

More and more Britons are naming their sons after Prince Charles.

Birth notice columns of the "Daily Telegraph" alone showed 54 babies christened Charles in 1949—more than double the number in 1948. It was still well down the popularity list, however, John, as usual, with 179, followed by David, Richard, Michael and Christopher in that order.

Elizabeth—the name of the Prince's mother—held second place on the girls' list. First was Susan, with Jane in third place.—Associated Press.

RABIES CONTROL

Geneva, January 17.

The World Health Organisation today approved a rabies control programme for Egypt and Israel. The programme will utilise new vaccines never tried out before on a large scale.

It is expected to get under way after the WHO expert committee on rabies approves details at a meeting next March.—United Press

CHURCHILL APPROVES ELECTION PLATFORM

London, January 17.

The Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, met his Tory "shadow cabinet" at his London home today as the February 23 general election campaign gained momentum.

Mr. Churchill and his advisers gave final approval to the Conservative Party election manifesto which is to be issued next week.

Mr. Churchill then retired to prepare his first campaign speech, to be broadcast on Saturday night.

The Conservative leader had cut short his holiday last week, and returned from Madeira. He has conferred at length with the Conservative Party chairman, Lord Woolton, and received reports from Conservative leaders who met in London on Saturday.

The Labour platform will be published on Wednesday. Before the "shadow cabinet" arrived at Mr. Churchill's home, the war-time Premier, the Deputy Tory leader, Mr. Anthony Eden, and Sir James Hawkey, Chairman of the Conservative Party in Mr. Churchill's Westford constituency.

Meanwhile, the Labour Party is appealing to Britain's middle class

to help return the Socialists to power and keep the country out of the hands of the "dithering" Conservatives.

Tactical move

The appeal to the middle class, apparently a major tactical move in the Labour Party's strategy, was begun on Monday night by the Deputy Premier, Mr. Herbert Morrison, in a speech at his Wingham constituency.

He urged the "middle, technical, and professional classes, the agriculturists and forward-looking active managers of industry" to return Labour to power for another five years. He claimed the Socialists have been "in harmony" with these groups.

Anti-Labour sources said today that they were astonished by the silence of the Labour Party's

election manifesto on defence costs. At £800,000,000 defence is the biggest single item in Britain's £4,000,000,000 annual Budget.

They had expected the Government, recently under fire from its left wing to reduce overseas expenditure on the armed forces, to say what it would do if returned to power in next month's general election.

Political observers think the answer is that while Labour would like to prune defence costs the Party thinks it imprudent to commit a future Labour Government on this point.—United Press and Reuter.

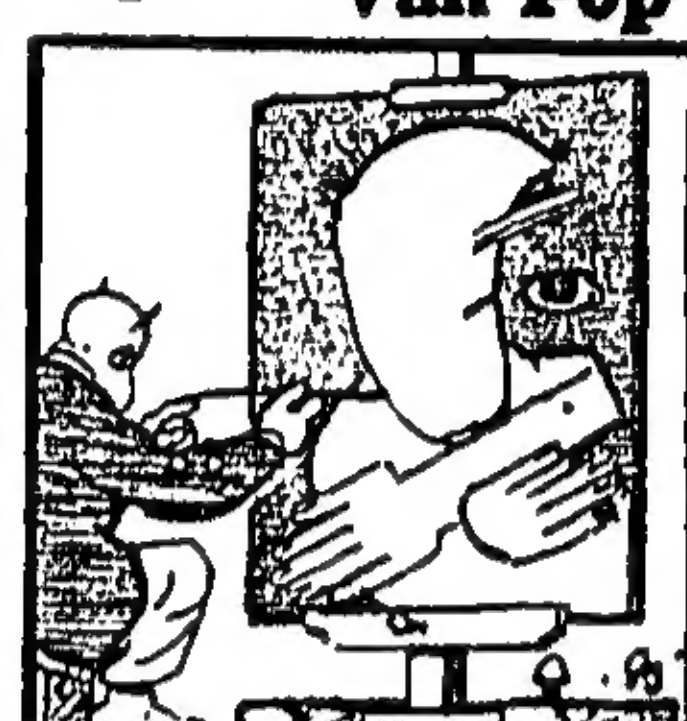
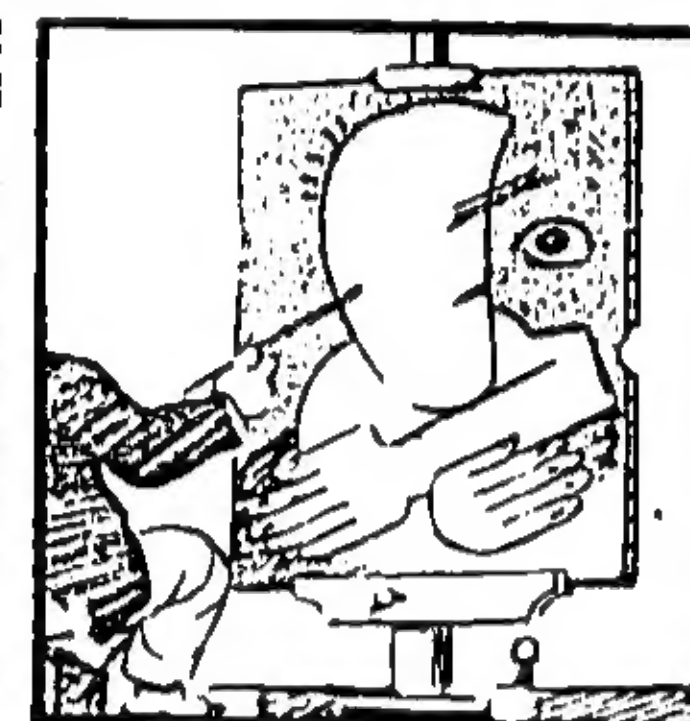
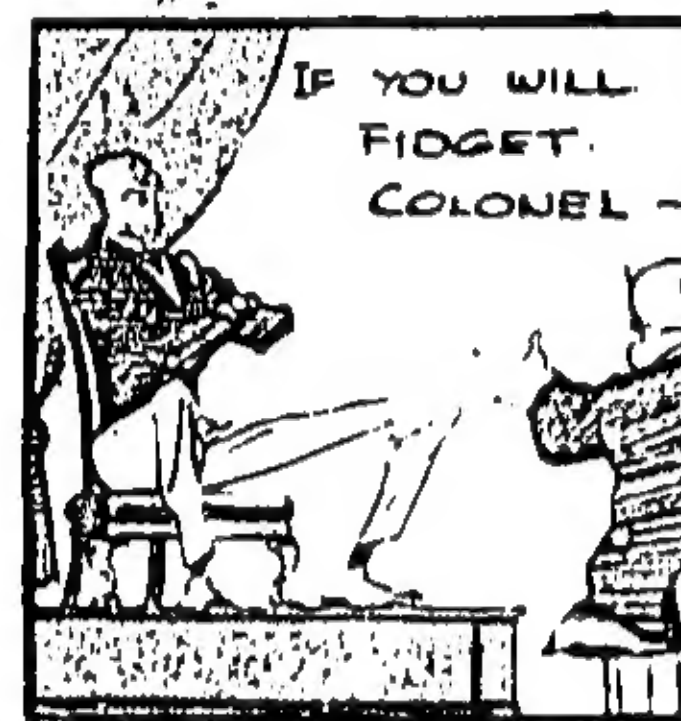
BOAC CHAIRMAN COMING HERE

London, January 17.

Sir Miles Thomas, the Chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, is flying from London on January 20 for a visit to Australia and the Far East.

He will discuss commercial and transport developments arising from the China situation with the Chairman of the Qantas Empire Airways, the British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines and the Tasman Empire Airways.—Reuter.

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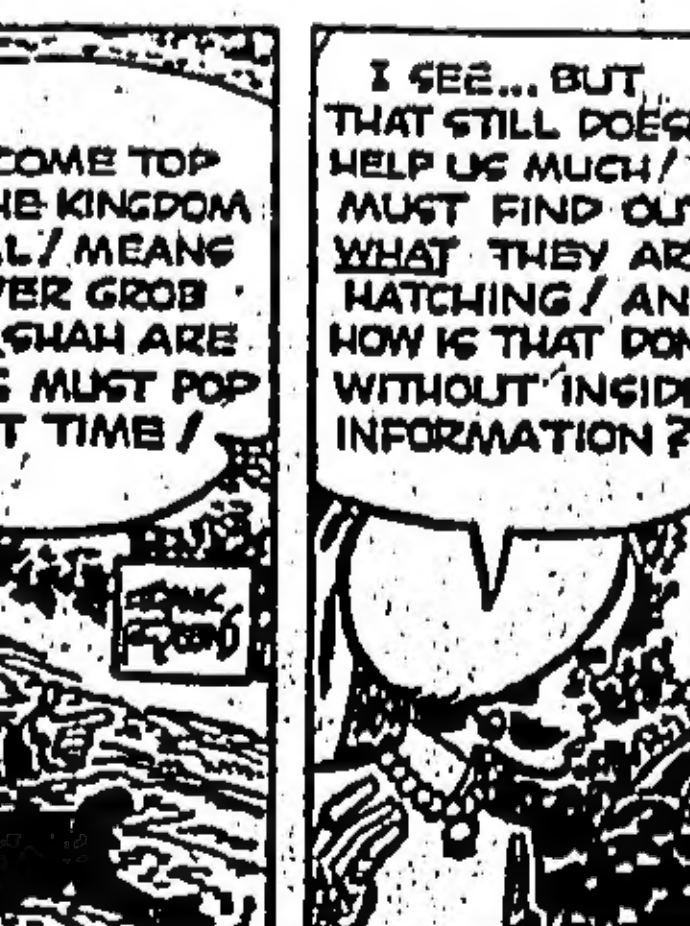
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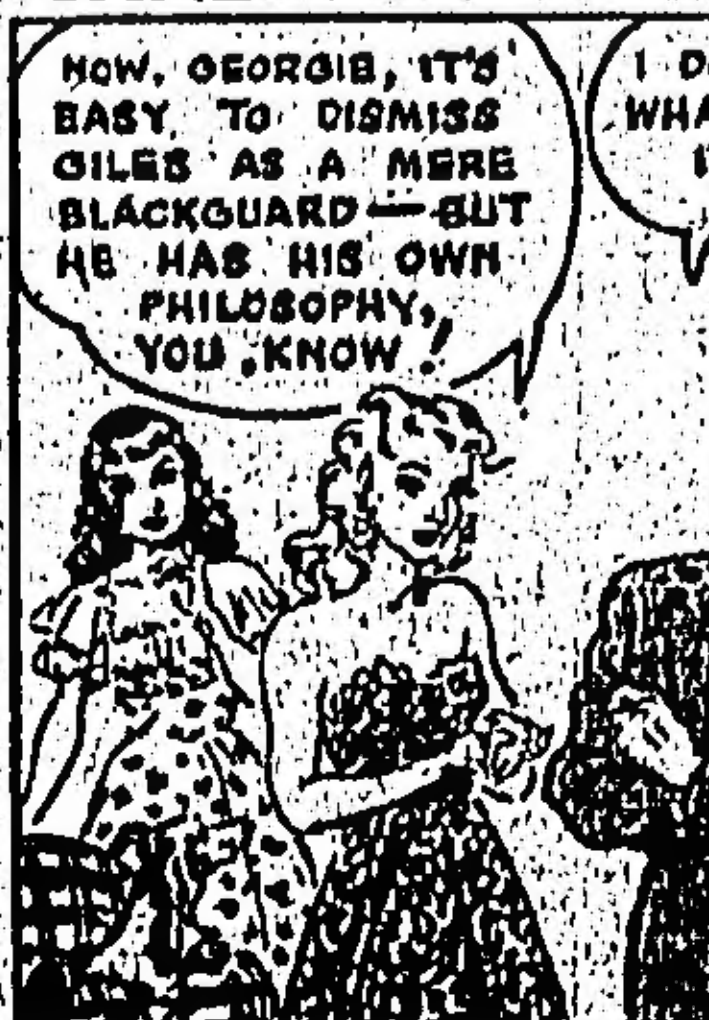


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NEWSMAN DESCRIBES JOURNEY THROUGH COMMUNIST CHINA

(By Ching Kuo-Sin)

When the foreign Press was banned in Nanking on October 1, I applied to the local Communist police station for a permit to go to Hong Kong.

I was a little worried when the Communist reception clerk to whom I presented my application shook his head and told me, "A travel permit to other parts of Liberated China, you can get easily. But one to go to Hong Kong is going to be a little difficult, because Hong Kong has not yet been liberated."

Later, however, I found the reception clerk was talking wishfully. The higher Communist authorities, to whom my application was referred, granted me the permit in the most polite manner.

I got my permit two days after I submitted the application while others were known to have been made to wait 10 days or more for their permits. I was also not required to produce two shop guarantees, as other applicants are.

I left Shanghai on December 9 and arrived at Hong Kong on December 23 after a rough 1,300-mile overland trip by train and bus via Nanchang, Kiang, Kiangchow, Kiang and Canton. The trip took me through three provinces and followed closely the route of the Communist thrust through Kiang into Kwangtung.

This route is a kind of a Communist back-door, serving the same purpose for the Communists as the Burma Road served for the Nationalists during the Sino-Japanese war. An endless stream of American-built trucks is bringing essential goods, materials, supplies and other kinds of commodities to feed Communist China in an attempt to alleviate the Nationalist blockade.

I decided on the overland trip after having visited in Kiang a month in Shanghai for a ship and also against the warnings of my friends. Several pro-Communist friends warned me that I, being an American "imperialist running dog" correspondent, might be given trouble by the old-line village Communist cadres on the way down. Other friends warned me of highway robbery, which occurred frequently on the Kwangtung part of my journey.

Japanese model
These warnings, I discovered later, were well-grounded and I heaved a deep sigh of relief when I crossed the border safely into Hong Kong on the afternoon of December 23.

My luggage was searched several times but all the way down, as far as possible, revealing my identity as an "imperialist running dog" reporter. Only on two occasions was I compelled to reveal my identity, but on these two occasions the Communist guards, to my surprise, treated me more politely.

In Kiangchow, Kiang province, where the Communists apparently are maintaining a large garrison against the bandits and guerrillas roving the countryside, I was a little irritated by a Communist regulation requiring all rickshaw passengers to get down at the city gate, walk through the gate and board the rickshaw again at the other side. I pointed out to the guards that that was what the Japanese used to do to the Chinese people during the old occupation days. He smiled and

Kwangtung banditry
But the Communists appear to have been able thus far to control the population and order has been restored almost to normal in

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Kiang. There are said to be a few guerrilla units operating in the hilly regions in the Southern part of the province, but not sufficiently to threaten highway or rail communications.

In Kwangtung, however, the Communists do not seem to have yet brought the province under effective control.

Highway robbery, banditry and some scattered anti-Communist irregulars still infest the countryside. The provincial capital, Canton, is also in disorder though conditions have improved lately. Robbers and pickpockets operated on the streets even in daylight. Just two days before I arrived in Canton, one armed band robbed a warehouse inside the city of 19 drums of petrol at 8.30 in the morning.

There were practically no police in the Canton streets. During my three-day stay there I saw only three uniformed police men. A local Chinese said the police force is now in a camp for indoctrination. There are also very few Liberation Army men guarding the streets. I was warned by my hotel boy not to go into the streets after dusk. Most shops open at 11 in the morning and close at five in the afternoon.

Several Chinese in Canton told me that some of the outlaws now disrupting public order in the city are former Communist guerrillas, who are disaffected because they were asked to disband and hand in their arms. They said that the old professional robbers and pickpockets are also intensifying their lawlessness because of the Communist policy of sponsoring the cause of the poor.

Village guards

In Southern parts of Kiang, the endless string of blockhouses built in the early thirties by Chiang Kai-shek during his numerous "suppression" campaigns are still there, though in a dilapidated state. In Kwangtung, I saw a blockhouse in practically every village, built by the villagers as a self-defence measure against the Communists. Every village maintains a guard and the Communists are expected to have a tough time making the people surrender their private arms to the state.

Another problem for the Communists in Kwangtung, especially in Canton, is how to make the people accept the Jen Min currency. Hong Kong currency notes are still in circulation despite the official ban. The Communists have opened an energetic propaganda campaign with the help of students and workers against the Hong Kong dollar.

My first contact with the effects of Communist rule in Nanchang was the rickshaw racketeering there, which had become worse since the Communists took over the city. I and other new-comers to the town were charged 10 times the normal fare. When I arrived at the railway station, I tried to fight off the rickshaw racketeering by asking my hotel to hire a truck to carry my luggage from the station to the hotel.

But the hotel men refused to do it because, he explained, trucks had been to the railway station before and the drivers were man-handled by the rickshaw pullers. So the rickshaw pullers regarded the truck drivers as capitalists out to exploit them.

Once a rickshaw puller asked me, when I arrived at my hotel, for much more fare than had been originally agreed upon. When I refused to pay, he resorted to bullying tactics. I was on the point of bringing my grievance to the police when my hotel boy stopped me. The hotel boy said, "Don't go to the police. The police always side with them."

Railways restored

The Communists seem to have done a good job in restoring rail communications, though many sections and bridges were repaired in a makeshift manner and the train sometimes had to go at a dead slow pace.

Many bridges across the rail and canal rivers in Kiang were washed away by the recent floods and our bus had to cross the rivers in ferries.

When we arrived at the Kan River, there were about 40 commercial trucks queued up at the ferry waiting for their chance to cross. Some trucks had waited for five days. Priority to use the ferry is given to Army vehicles. When our bus, which belonged to the Government-operated transport bureau, arrived, the ferry men gave us permission to cross. But the Liberation Army men, guarding the ferry, refused to approve the permission. Fortunately, we had two Liberation Army men as passengers. They went down to talk to the ferry men and the bus was allowed to cross immediately—United Press.

GOLD SEIZED

About 30 taels of gold were seized by revenue officers at the Kai Tak airport yesterday when a Civil Air Transport aircraft arrived from Hallow.

The gold was found concealed in a false bottom of a trunk belonging to a Chinese passenger.

Inquiry on Truculent disaster

Chatham, January 17
The Admiralty today requested its secret inquiry into the sinking of the submarine Truculent.

Truculent, which was on Saturday with testimony from survivors of the submarine, 64 men died and 10 escaped when Truculent and the Swedish tanker Divina collided near the mouth of the Thames on Thursday night.

Meanwhile divers surveying the bulk of the wreck on the Estuary bottom prepared reports for an Admiralty conference on salvage plans on Thursday.

Later today the Swedish Embassy in London announced that a Swedish language public inquiry into the sinking of the submarine will be held next week.

The Embassy statement said that this inquiry was requested by Captain C. E. Homberg, captain of the Divina, in accordance with Swedish maritime law. Associated Press.

Case dropped

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, yesterday announced at the Criminal Sessions that the case (known previously as the Fairly Swindle Case) during committal proceedings, against Mr. Yeuk-ping, Tang Woon-kai alias Tung Pak-hoi, Shum Chiewan, alias Miss Lee Yeung Shu and Ching Ching has been entered by the Attorney General as a case of "nolle prosequi."

The charges against the three had been of inciting to attempt to steal, aiding and abetting, and inflicting grievous bodily harm. Mr. Justice Williams, Senior Pulene Judge, entered the matter accordingly.

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6.02—Short Organ Recital by Dr. Harold Dwyer. (BBCS).

6.30—All Day News, Programme, (BBCS).

7.00—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

7.15—Sports Review (Radio).

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8.00—"From the Midland" (London Relay).

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10.00—Radio News-Rail (London Relay).

10.15—Weather Report.

10.30—"The Making of a Film"—"Summertime" by Alan Jones. (BBCS).

10.45—"Thursday Serenade" A Programme of Continuum Music arranged by Betty Brown.

11.00—"Bart Light and Sweet Music".

11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay recorded).

God Save the King.

11.30—"Close Down".

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Washington, January 17.

A State Department spokesman today denied a London report (not Rauter) that Britain, the United States and France had reached a secret agreement to detach the Saar from Germany and give it semi-independence.

The London report said the decision had been reached by the Big Three Western Foreign Ministers during their meeting in Paris last November.

The spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said that the report is incorrect. He revealed, however, that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had raised no objection to the admission of the Saar into the Council of Europe if it is invited.

In Bonn, the West German Cabinet today unanimously endorsed a report in which the Federal Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, opposed any separate pact between France and the Saar.

Reporting on his week-end talks with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, the Chancellor declared that the problem of the Saar should be considered from a European point of view.

But he emphasized that there should be no fait accompli, such as leasing the Saar mines to France for 50 years, before the signing of a German peace treaty.

Earlier, Dr. Kurt Schumacher, the West German Opposition leader, told leaders of his Social Democratic Party in Essen that the most impressive form of protest against a separate France-Saar treaty would be a German refusal to join the Council of Europe.

A France-Saar treaty would be a blow to Franco-German understanding, he said.

London statement

The Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States and France, at their Paris meeting last November, made an agreement, which has never been officially announced, on the Saar's relationship to the Council of Europe. A Foreign Office spokesman in London disclosed today.

Since he was speaking for only one of the three Governments, the spokesman said that he did not feel at liberty to make any pronouncements on the agreement.

Usually reliable quarters believed it provided for the Saar's admission to the Council this summer as an associate member.

In Frankfurt, Mr. James W. Riddleberger, the political adviser to the United States High Commissioner, Mr. John J. McCloy, today denied any knowledge of a secret agreement on the Saar, said to have been concluded by the Western powers at the Paris conference.

It is true, he said, that the Western powers had agreed to support the admission of the Saar into the Council of Europe, but they had re-affirmed at the same time that this should be without prejudice to a final settlement of the Saar's future by the peace treaty.

Germany warned

A statement circulated tonight to the German press in Frankfurt on behalf of the British High Commissioner for Germany also confirmed that Britain was free to take at the peace conference a decision on the Saar question which it considered justified.

The Saar's inclusion into the French economic and customs area without prejudice to the final peace settlement, the British statement said.

The British statement at the same time warned against any German attempt to drive a wedge between the Western occupying powers, saying that this would only cause setbacks to the development of an international understanding of the Saar problem.

It also rejected the German Chancellor's claim to ownership of the Saar mines, but did not commit Britain to approval of a long-term lease of the mines to France.

An agreement giving greater political freedom to the Saar Government, the statement went on, could only serve to guarantee the Saar population freedom of decision at the final peace settlement.—Reuters.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, January 17. Ship arrivals: M/V. San Diego from Yokohama. Flying Scud from Guam. Sailed: Danish motorship Anna Maersk for Manila.

Los Angeles, ship sailed: Tarifa for Manila. Sailed: Ship arrived: General Patrick from Yokohama. Sailed: Idaho for Manila.—Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, January 17.

Closing stock quotations:

American Smelting 55 1/2

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Waterworks 8

Baldwin Locomotive 12 1/2

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Bethlehem Steel 32

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COAL STRIKE

Pittsburgh, January 17.

Angry rank and file United Mine Workers pickets patrolled the coal fields today, driving for an all-out strike to bring the long-drawn coal contract dispute to a head.

Pickets on a 24-hour basis in Western Pennsylvania completely shut off the efforts of the UMW president, John Lewis, and his lieutenants to end "rebel" walk-outs.

More than 84,400 miners are idle in six States, cutting coal production more than 400,000 tons per day in face of already widespread shortages. The rank and file strike apparently was made worse by the anger of the miners over cutting off of credit to strikers by a large chain store serving the coal fields.—United Press.

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK\$0.34 and closed at the same rate, after going up to \$0.54 1/2.

Ten was put through at HK\$0.30.

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